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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7274**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1194

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 5, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Commission on Disproportionality in Youth Services.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crawford

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Commission on Disproportionality in Youth Services to address disproportionate representation of youth of color in the use of youth services. The bill specifies membership, duties, reporting requirements for the commission. The bill also makes an appropriation to cover the expenses of the Commission.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill establishes the Commission on Disproportionality (Commission). The Commission is established to develop and provide an implementation plan to evaluate and address disproportionate representation of youth of color in the use of youth services. The Commission consists of thirty-three members. The Indiana accredited graduate school represented by the chairperson of the Commission is responsible for staffing the Commission. The Commission meets at the call of the chairperson and meets as often as necessary to carry out the purposes of the Commission.

Members of the Commission who are not state employees are entitled to a minimum salary per diem under IC 4-20-11-2.1(b) of \$35. Currently, this statute is overridden by Section 15 of the budget bill which provides a higher reimbursement of \$50. It should be noted that should the budget bill dictate a different amount of reimbursement in the future, or not address reimbursement, this reimbursement level could change. Members are also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. Members of the Commission who are state employees but are not members of the General Assembly are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. Members of the Commission who are members of the General Assembly are entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislative

members of interim study committees established by the Legislative Council. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to Commission members who are members of the General Assembly are to be paid from appropriations made by the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency.

The Commission is required to prepare and submit a report to the Legislative Council not later than August 15, 2008. The report consists of the Commission's findings and recommendations and presents an implementation plan to address disproportionate representation of youth of color in use of youth services.

The bill appropriates from the state General Fund \$125,000 for the period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2008 to carry out the purposes of the Commission.

The Commission expires January 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Educational Institutions.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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